

Longer Posting Periods in Railway Anti-Fraud Department

†1507. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the period for which officers posted in Anti-Fraud Department in the Ministry of Railways have been working in the same department;

(b) the names of officers in the said department, the posts held by them and since when they are working in the said department;

(c) whether it is a fact that many officers are working in the said department continuously for the last seven-eight years;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps Ministry proposed to take to transfer them to other departments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (e) There is no Department by name "Anti-Fraud Department" in the Ministry of Railways.

Enquiry Commission Report on Rail Mishap

1508. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the final report relating to the Perumon Rail Mishap which occurred during 1988, has been published;

(b) if so, the findings thereof;

(c) if not which stage the enquiry commission report stands at present and whether Government consider to publish the same;

(d) whether it is a fact that the reported statement of Railway Minister appeared in Malayala Manorama news paper dated 3rd

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July, 2001 states that the report could not be published due to unavoidable helplessness; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (e) In the Final Report of the Enquiry conducted by Commissioner of Railway Safety, Southern Circle, the cause of the accident was established as "Due to the express train having been hit by a tornado" which struck the bridge just as the train was going over it. The accident was classified as "Sudden convulsion of Nature". Government, thereafter, ordered setting up of an Expert Committee consisting of eminent scientists and engineers under the Chairmanship of Air Marshal C.S. Nair to go into the accident. The Expert Committee did not find the findings of Commissioner of Railway Safety as tenable. The Committee, however, could not arrive at any particular reason being responsible for the accident. The report was accepted by Ministry of Railway and tabled in both the Houses of Parliament in March, 1990. The Government had decided not to publish the Commissioner of Railway Safety's Inquiry Report.

Theft of luggage of rail passengers

†1509. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that incidents of theft of luggage of rail passengers are increasing continuously;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any step so far to check such incidents; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No, Sir. The

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